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(54) **Bandgap voltage reference using differential pairs to perform temperature curvature compensation**

(57) A bandgap reference that generates a temperature stable DC voltage by using a corrective current. The corrective current is generated by a series of differential pairs that are controlled by both positive temperature shift gate voltage on one transistor, as well as a negative temperature shift gate voltage on the other transistor. As temperature changes and crosses the crossing point at which the current is split evenly through

both transistors, the current change is more abrupt. The crossing points of each of the differential pairs may be appropriately selected so as to generate a high resolution corrective current. The various current contributions are summed to form the total corrective current, which tends to be quite accurate due to the abrupt crossing points. The corrective current is then fed back into the circuit so as to compensate for much of the temperature error.

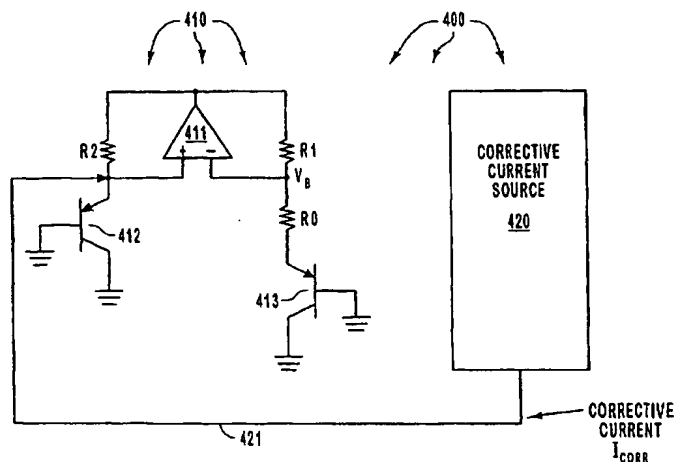


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